

CITY OF VENTURA  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Mayor Erik Nasarenko**

**Neal Andrews, Deputy Mayor**  
**Cheryl Heitmann, Councilmember**  
**Matt LaVere, Councilmember**

**Jim Monahan, Councilmember**  
**Mike Tracy, Councilmember**  
**Christy Weir, Councilmember**

Mark D. Watkins, City Manager  
Gregory G. Diaz, City Attorney  
Antoinette M. Mann, City Clerk

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 8, 2017**

The San Buenaventura (Ventura) City Council met in regular session in the City Hall Council Chambers, 501 Poli Street, Ventura at 6:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko

Absent: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko presided.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember LaVere led the pledge of allegiance.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Nasarenko announced May 10, 2017 as Lupus Awareness Day; City sending proclamation to Marlo De La Mora from Simi Valley Howse Foundation.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy Mayor Andrews requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo.

Councilmember Weir reported attending the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference in Palm Springs May 4-5, 2017. Received profile/demographics on City and will provide to staff.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)**

Councilmember Heitmann announced the Ventura CARES Business Walk on May 16, 2017 from Noon – 3:30 p.m., will be walking the Westside Community, volunteers needed, RSVP to Leigh Eisen, Economic Development Manager; May 10 will attend the groundbreaking of the new bus terminal and corporate office event for Gold Coast Transit; May 11 a preview of a short film showing the Ventura moms that were honored by dude. be nice will be showing at Century 10 Downtown Theatre; and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Henry L. “Hank” Lacayo.

Councilmember LaVere encouraged the residents to participate in the Westside Business Walk on May 16; reported his attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference in Palm Springs May 4-5, 2017.

Mayor Nasarenko thanked Midtown Ventura Community Council for the BBQ on May 6.

**\*CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Gregory G. Diaz stated there was no reportable action.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Speakers: John Sanders Jones, Leo Lewis, Karen Lewis and John Hammil.

Handouts: Leo Lewis and Karen Lewis.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS**

Mayor Nasarenko pulled Consent Agenda Item 3 for a staff presentation.

**1. Minutes**

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve the minutes of the special and regular meetings of March 6, March 13 and March 20, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Andrews seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS (continued)****2. First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement with Best, Best and Krieger (38)**

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Approve the First Amendment to Legal Services Agreement No. 100004417 between the City of San Buenaventura and the Law Firm of Best, Best and Krieger Regarding the law suit of Scott Howard and Juli Scott v. City of San Buenaventura.
- b. Authorize the City Manager and the Director of Finance and Technology to take necessary budgetary actions to carry out this action.

Deputy Mayor Andrews seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**4. Recent Decisions of the Design Review Committee (80)****INFORMATION ONLY**

Design Review Committee April 5, 2017 Action: Approved

PROJ-8479 – Case No. DRC-3-17-39526 and SV-10-16-37752

Formal Design Review for a proposed new “Kaiser Permanente” Master Sign Program and Sign Variance to increase the maximum allowed sign area from 40 square feet to 669.25 square feet for two new wall signs, one new monument sign and seven new directional signs on a site approved for the new 72,000 square foot medical office building campus on a 7.58 acre project site located at 4949 Market Street; Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., applicant; MPD zone.

Design Review Committee April 19, 2017 Action: Approved

PROJ-11160 – Case No. DRC-12-16-38536 and SV-4-17-39850

Formal Design Review to amend the existing Ventura Professional Building Sign Program and Sign Variance to increase the maximum allowed sign area from 200 square feet to 300 square feet for a maximum of 5 wall signs on a site developed with an existing commercial office building on a 1.2 acre project site located at 1300 Eastman Avenue; Vogue Sign Company, applicant; MPD zone.

City Council received the information.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEMS (continued)****\*3. Five Points (Telegraph Road, Main Street and Thompson Boulevard) Intersection Improvements – Reject Bids (88)****SPEAKERS:**

Presenters: Public Works Director Tulson Clifford and City Manager Mark D. Watkins.

Public: Gregg Mansville and Dan Long, Midtown Ventura Community Council; Todd Collart; Cherie Egbert, Midtown Community Council; and Leslie Ogden, Channel Islands Bike Club.

**DOCUMENTS**

Correspondence: Brad Klipping, Kate Faulkner, David Ferrin, Jenna Cheney, J. B. Robinson, Nina Danza, Rocky Rudolph, Joseph A. Connett, Todd Collart, Rob Perks, Stephen Bryne and Wendy Darling, Grace Lin, Larry Daughtery, Patrick and Wendy VanHorn, Jennifer Montoya, Marilyn Hefferen and Mary Looby.

Handouts: Gregg Mansville

Councilmember Weir moved to approve the recommendation to:

Reject all bids for the Five Points Intersection Improvement Project, Specification No. 2014-040, opened April 6, 2017.

Councilmember Tracy seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS****5. The Frederick Neill and Ida Foster Baker Residence Landmark Designation Request Located at 1093 Poli Street; Raymond A. Bradford and Mary L. Stephenson, Applicants; Case No. HIST-3-15-27383; PROJ-8151 (30)**

The public hearing was opened.

City Clerk Mann stated that affidavits of publication and posting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**SPEAKERS

Presenters: Planning Manager Dave Ward and Senior Planner Jared Rosengren.

DOCUMENTS

Correspondence: Sid White

The public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Tracy moved to approve the recommendation to:

Adopt a Resolution designating “The Frederick Neill and Ida Foster Baker Residence” as a local Landmark.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING “THE FREDERICK NEILL AND IDA FOSTER BAKER RESIDENCE” LOCATED AT 1093 POLI STREET A HISTORIC LANDMARK RESOLUTION NO. 2017-017

Councilmember LaVere seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**6. The Mission Hotel 1926 Landmark Designation Request Located at 79-97 South Oak Street; James DeArkland, Applicant; Case No. HIST-6-16-35111; PROJ-10668 (30)**

The public hearing was opened.

City Clerk Mann stated that affidavits of publication and posting are on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

SPEAKERS

Presenters: Planning Manager Dave Ward and Senior Planner Jared Rosengren.

The public hearing was closed.

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

Councilmember Tracy moved to approve the recommendation to:

Adopt a Resolution designating “The Mission Hotel 1926” building as a local historic Landmark.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING “THE MISSION HOTEL 1926” BUILDING LOCATED AT 79-97 SOUTH OAK STREET A LANDMARK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-018

Councilmember LaVere seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

7. **The Hamilton Hotel 1924 Landmark Designation Request Located at 363-373 East Main Street; Jeff Becker, Applicant; Case No. HIST-7-16-35830; PROJ-10724 (30)**

The public hearing was opened.

City Clerk Mann stated that affidavits of publication and posting are on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

**SPEAKERS**

Presenters: Planning Manager Dave Ward and Senior Planner Jared Rosengren

The public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Tracy moved to approve the recommendation to:

Adopt a Resolution designating “The Hamilton Hotel 1924” building as a local Historic Landmark.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING “THE HAMILTON HOTEL 1924” LOCATED AT 363-373 EAST MAIN STREET A LANDMARK  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-019

**CITY COUNCIL CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

Councilmember LaVere seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

8. **Adoption of 2017-2018 Annual Action and Funding Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs (108)**

The public hearing was opened.

City Clerk Mann stated that affidavits of publication and posting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**DOCUMENTS**

Supplemental Information

Deputy Mayor Andrews moved to approve the recommendation to:

Continue the public hearing for the adoption of the 2017-2018 Annual Action and Funding Plan to June 12, 2017.

Councilmember Heitmann seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL FORMAL ITEMS**

**9. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Agreement and Director Appointment for the Mound Basin (50)**

7:05 p.m. Councilmember Tracy absent; 7:08 p.m. present.

SPEAKERS

Presenters: Acting Ventura Water General Manager Joe McDermott and Assistant City Attorney Miles Hogan.

Public: Dan Detmer, United Water Conservation District, and Kioren Moss.

DOCUMENTS

PowerPoint

Correspondence: Tony Morgan, United Water Conservation District

Handout: Dan Detmer

Councilmember Tracy moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT CREATING THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-021

- b. Name a Director and adopt a resolution appointing a Director to the Board of Directors for the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Director to be the Ventura Water General Manager or designee.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING A DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-022

**CITY COUNCIL FORMAL ITEMS (Continued)**

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: Deputy Mayor Andrews  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**10. Water Services Agreement Between the City of San Buenaventura and Casitas Municipal Water District (50)****SPEAKERS**

Presenters: City Manager Mark D. Watkins, Acting Ventura Water General Manager Joe McDermott and Assistant City Attorney Miles Hogan.

Public: Dan Cormode, East Ventura Community Council; Bob Alviani and Kioren Moss.

**DOCUMENTS**

PowerPoint

Comment Form: Bob Alviani.

Councilmember Tracy moved to approve the recommendation to:

Approve Water Services Agreement No. 2017-024 between the City of San Buenaventura and the Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas) which authorizes the City to purchase water from Casitas through 2047.

Deputy Mayor Andrews seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL FORMAL ITEMS (Continued)****11. Budget Workshop No. 3: Report on Status of the City of San Buenaventura with California Public Employees Retirement System, with Analysis of Unfunded Accrued Liability (31)**

7:46 p.m. Councilmember LaVere absent; 7:47 p.m. present. 7:48 p.m. Mayor Nasarenko absent; 7:49 p.m. present. 8:27 p.m. Councilmember Weir absent; 8:31 p.m. present.

**SPEAKERS**

Presenters: Finance and Technology Director Gil Garcia, Deputy Finance Director Mary Eckman and Senior Financial Analyst Greg Morley.

Public: David Grau

**DOCUMENTS**

PowerPoint

Supplemental Information

Councilmember Tracy moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Receive the report regarding the status of the City of San Buenaventura with the California Public Employees Retirement System, with analysis of Unfunded Accrued Liability.
- b. Direct staff to begin paying the Unfunded Accrued Liability portion of the California Public Employees Retirement System annual obligation in advance beginning with Fiscal Year 2017-2018 and continuing at the start of each fiscal year thereafter.
- c. Direct staff to begin in 2018-2019 budget process to include a review of City's unfunded liability account and make recommendations on ad hoc payments towards that liability.

Councilmember Weir seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL FORMAL ITEMS (Continued)**

12. **Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2.355 of the San Buenaventura Municipal Code Delegating and Specifying Real Property Administration, Floodplain Management, Stormwater Management and Associated Duties to the Public Works Department (70)**

**SPEAKERS**

Presenters: Public Works Director Tulson Clifford and Principal Civil Engineer Brad Starr.

**DOCUMENTS**

PowerPoint

Supplemental Information

Councilmember LaVere moved to approve the recommendation to:

- a. Find that the approval of the Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) 3 – implementation of an administrative process.
- b. Introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance, title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 2.355.020, 'PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,' OF THE SAN BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE SPECIFYING AND DELEGATING DUTIES OF REAL PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION, FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-\_\_\_

- c. Set the proposed ordinance for a second reading and adoption at the City Council meeting of May 22, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Andrews seconded. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilmembers LaVere, Weir, Tracy, Heitmann, Deputy Mayor Andrews and Mayor Nasarenko  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Monahan

Mayor Nasarenko declared the motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/ REPORTS – REGIONAL  
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

Councilmember Tracy reported attending the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Harrison Industries where a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station was unveiled.

**CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Mark D. Watkins apologized for the sound system issues tonight. Reminder to our residents that City has outstanding Staff and congratulated Community Development Department on recognitions received from the Central Coast American Planning Association Awards dinner which included the Ventura Botanical Gardens “Best Practices” Award for the public-private partnership, Portside Ventura Harbor, SRP Project received “Hard Won Victory” award for the 15-year endeavor on the project, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo received the “Academic Award” for their efforts on the Midtown Ventura Wellness District project and lastly Planning Manager Dave Ward was honored for his service to CCAPA; Fleet Division received the 100 Best Fleets Award; and highlighted future agenda topics.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. in memory of Henry L. “Hank” Lacayo.

Antoinette M. Mann, MMC, CRM  
City Clerk

\*Items heard out of order